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APRIL SIX DATE FOR ACTING ON VERY GRAVE MATTERS

TOCSIN OF WAR SOUNDED HERE

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—With a warning that the United States is unprepared for war with any first-class power a committee of the United League Club, headed by Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France and including in its membership many men of prominence, presented at a special meeting last night a report calling upon the country to get ready for action. Charles E. Hughes presided.

"If we go to war with Germany," said the report, "our only real protection will be the ships of the French and British navies and our own navy, which is undermanned. We have no coast defenses which could prevent the landing of troops on our shores. We have no defense

which would prevent the complete and immediate capture of our coast cities and ammunition factories in the coast states of New Jersey and Connecticut, as well as every one of our navy yards. The facility with which a hostile power could land troops on our shores has been repeatedly and universally stated.

"Our regular organizations lack many things which are vitally essential in modern war. We lack machine guns of all types. We lack grenades and bombs. We are without trench mortars of the type in use in Europe. We are without various kinds of field signal apparatus. We are short of modern field wireless and we are without any of the modern types of heavy mobile artillery.

WANTON KILLING OF RELIEF SAILORS

UNHEARD OF BARBARISM OF THE COMMANDERS OF GERMAN SUBMARINES

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—In connection with cable reports of the shelling of the relief ships *Seydlitz* and *Tunis*, and the alleged killing of several men in one of the lifeboats, the commission for relief in Belgium issued the following statement:

"It is inconceivable that if a German submarine commander made such an attack and ordered the shooting down of seven relief ship sailors in an open lifeboat, he did so under authority from his government.

"The ships left Holland in ballast with four others under specific instructions from the German government as to their route and time of sailing.

"Furthermore the commission had positive assurances last week from the German government that submarines had been instructed to pass all relief ships. It is unthinkable that any government would at once break its word in such a manner, much less be a party to wantonly killing relief ship sailors.

"In such circumstances the commission is disposed to suspend judgment until authentic reports are received."

SUMMER TOURIST RATES ANNOUNCED

ROUND TRIPS FROM THE EAST TO THE MOUNTAINS WILL COST MORE

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—Summer tourist rates and passenger fares from Chicago and all points east to Colorado, Utah and Yellowstone National Park will be advanced \$2.50 by all lines on each round trip ticket, it was announced today. No action has been taken on summer tourist fares to California, according to Gerritt Fort, passenger agent of the Union Pacific system in Chicago, but he said there probably would be an advance from \$72.50 to \$75. Summer rates become effective on June 1 and continue until September 30.

GERMAN GUNBOAT SUNK

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 20.—A German gunboat in the harbor of Tsing Tau, China, has been blown up and sunk.

CZAR IS A PRISONER

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 21.—The Russian government has ordered the deposed emperor and consort deprived of their liberty.

KOONTZ BUYS MUSTANG FOR HIS ASSOCIATES

The greatest and most important deal for the Manhattan district since the transfer of the White Caps holdings to the Kirehen interests was consummated last evening at the office of the Tonopah Banking Corporation. By this transaction eastern capital represented by Louis K. Koontz, of Goldfield and Manhattan, secured a majority of the stock of the Mustang Mining company at a price that is estimated to be within a fraction of \$25,000. The money had been deposited in escrow with the bank during the day and last evening there was a gathering of attorneys, mine operators and accountants behind closed doors after which an election was held and the new corporation started out under the auspices of the most enterprising aggregation of investors known to the southern country.

The Mustang is the richest producer in Manhattan today, since it is known as the seat of operations of the Chase & Train lease which has outproduced gold bullion for the past two years. Last week the leaseholders delivered to the First National Bank of Tonopah a bar of gold val-

ued at \$5200 as part of their recent production of \$50,000. The estate comprises 45 acres and adjoins the Big Four and is contiguous to the Big Pine, Union Nine and the richest section known to the district before the wonderful strike on the White Caps brought out that other section into prominence. Control of the company was held by Seyler and Humphreys. Under the new arrangements the Train and Chase lease is modified and the remainder of the property will be operated on company account. The company has a shaft 390 feet in depth and another shaft has passed the 390 foot point and is still going down in the interest of leasers. The latter shaft is within 200 feet of the company shaft and therefore will serve to guide the new owners in determining their future policy as greater depth is reached. The company shaft has steam equipment, supplemented by an electric plant, including a compressor for heavy work. The company is capitalized for \$1,000,000 and no stock is offered for sale, as the purchasers are eager to pick up all offerings which may appear.

NAVY WILL BE PREPARED TO BEAR BRUNT OF FIRST SHOCK OF WAR WITH CENTRAL POWERS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 21.—The president has called an extra session of Congress for April 2nd, which probably will be asked to declare a state of war existing.

The proclamation calling for an extra session is for the declared purpose "to receive a communication from the president on grave questions of national policy."

Congress is then expected to pass a resolution declaring a state of war has existed for some time. This will not be a declaration of war in the technical sense, although practically it will amount to the same thing. The United States then will take further steps to protect its interests.

Whether an actual state of war will come to exist in the full sense will depend on Germany's future acts. The president's advisers realize a state of war has existed since Sunday when three ships were sunk with the loss of American lives. Congressmen, governors and officials have urged warlike action. The cabinet is more thoroughly united for calling a session than it has been on any other question.

At the present the responsibility of preparation for war rests with the navy and it is believed that when the president addresses Congress he will recognize the possibility of the army's participation by discussing the needs of universal military training.

Plans for marshaling the full strength of the regular army and national guard, and raising a volunteer army of 500,000 has been tentatively worked out by the army war college. A volunteer army is planned as a nucleus of what eventually may be an army of 3,000,000 assembled in training camps.

Mobilization of industrial resources is well under way. Scores of factories and munition plants have been offered the government and yesterday the great copper interest notified the government they would supply the army and navy at about half the market price.

Senate leaders believe Congress should grant at least \$500,000,000 immediately in the event of war. The cabinet yesterday discussed the opening of American ports to entente warships, the opening of vast credits to allies for supplies, co-operating with the allied fleets in clearing submarines and guarding transports to Europe. The question of participation of the army on the European battlefield was touched on as a future possibility but not considered as a prospective step now.

Senator Chamberlain said he did not know whether a call for volunteers was likely, but he thought Congress should be ready to take any steps the president may deem necessary.

Pointexter, Republican, said: "Congress will quickly pass a law authorizing a limited war on submarines."

Calls were sent out today for party leaders to hurry to Washington. Congressmen here agreed that after granting authority in some form, Congress would press for quick enactment the four supply bills which failed in the last session, the army, military academy, general deficiency and sundry civil bills.

Berlin Warns Entente That Hindenburg Directs Retreat

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Mar. 21.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, who recently went to Vienna, spent two days in conference with officials there, discussing in detail questions pertaining to foreign affairs, other political matters and the military situation. "In all points," says the Overseas News Agency, "absolute conformity of views on both sides became apparent. The present retreat is of our own making. The enemy must

make new conditions to cope with the new situation. This is a difficult matter entailing weeks, yes, months of work and requiring an enormous quantity of new observation. Meanwhile the enemy is left at the mercy of our plans.

"It is well to remember that the new positions we are taking which back of the old front, are built with the aid of every possible device developed by two and a half years of warfare. The old positions were the result of the breaking off of the unfinished offensive towards Paris. Many portions of our positions were held only with the greatest difficulty. The trenches were difficult to maintain and the artillery observation points, so important in this kind of warfare, were few.

ner von Hindenburg drew back the lines of Poland in the winter of 1914 to make possible the great offensive of 1915 and as we permitted the Rumanians to sweep across the Carpathians last summer that we might destroy their armies when they got out of their own lines.

"The Rumanian campaign shows what the possibilities of the present movement are. It is the only kind of strategy that can make possible a decision on the western front."

SULZER ELECTED ALASKA DELEGATE

(By Associated Press.)
JUNEAU, Alaska, Mar. 21.—Chas. A. Sulzer, Democrat, and brother of former Governor William Sulzer of New York, was elected delegate from Alaska to Congress last November by a majority of 19 votes by a decision of Judge Robert W. Jennings, handed down today. The canvassing board had declared James Wickersham, Independent Republican, elected, but an appeal was taken to the federal court.

Wickersham has served four terms as delegate from Alaska.

Woman Murdered for Her Jewelry in Hotel By Man Picked up by Flirtation in Theatre

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 20.—Benjamin Sternberg, otherwise known as "Ben," detained by the police as a material witness in connection with the murder of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hilaire, whose body was found last Friday in her room in the Hotel Martinique, has made an important change in the story he told the police.

In his original statement, the police say Sternberg asserted he did not see Mrs. Hilaire Thursday, the

day she registered at the hotel as "Florence Gray, of Boston." He met her at a Brooklyn subway station Thursday and that they rode together to the Grand Central Station, where they left the train and started for a theater.

"At Broadway and Forty-second street, Sternberg is quoted as having said, he changed his plans, and left Mrs. Hilaire, to go to a pawn shop where he pawned a ring belonging to his wife. He asserted em-

phatically that he did not rejoin her and did not see her again.

It was Thursday afternoon that Mrs. Hilaire went alone to the Martinique, wearing jewelry valued at \$2500 and registered under an assumed name. The jewelry was missing when he body was found the next day. She is believed to have been strangled late Thursday.

Sternberg said he became acquainted with the young woman through a flirtation at a matinee.

HALF PRICE FOR COPPER TO MAKE MUNITIONS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 21.—The principal American copper producers have agreed to furnish copper for the army and navy during the coming year at 16 and a fraction cents a pound, about one half of the current market price. Forty-five million pounds is to be delivered.

This solves one of the important problems in connection with large orders for munitions soon to be placed, and is the first big concession in the response to the appeals to the patriotism of the country's industries since the navy's agreements with the shipbuilders and steel makers for profit cutting.

FOODSTUFFS ARE LOWER IN BERLIN THAN IN OMAHA

NEW DECREE REDUCES VALUE OF CHIEF ARTICLES OF CONSUMPTION

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Mar. 21.—Somewhat lower prices for certain cereals and generally decreased prices for meats have been fixed by the German federal council in a new list.

The price of wheat, the announcement states, is increased to 290 marks per ton as compared with 260 formerly, while rye prices are decreased to 170 marks from the former price of 220 marks per ton.

Oats which formerly varied between 300 and 270 marks, have been decreased to an even 270 marks. Barley, formerly 340 to 300 marks, has been lowered to 270 marks.

The average price of potatoes is increased from four marks 5 1/2 pfennigs per centner (110 pounds), to five marks per centner, while carrots have been lowered to two marks 50 pfennigs per centner from four marks, and turnips decreased from one mark 80 pfennigs to one mark 50 pfennigs.

The new prices for hogs have been fixed at between 53 and 80 marks, according to weight, which is equivalent to a decrease of from 20 to 25 per cent. The price of oxen has been fixed at between 50 and 80 marks, or 15 per cent lower.

DESTRUCTION GOES ON GERMANS SAY

ADDITIONAL LOSS OF 116,000 TONS ALLEGED BY THE GERMAN ADMIRALTY

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Mar. 21.—An official communication issued today by the German admiralty reports that German submarines have destroyed an additional 116,000 gross tons of shipping in the British channel, in the Atlantic ocean and in the North Sea.

The statement says: "According to detailed reports on hand from submarines, among the ships sunk were the following: British armed steamer *Connaught*, 1648 tons; armed British three-masted vessel, of 1200 tons; British sailing ships *Aelaide*, 180 tons; *Maclean*, *Abaja*, *Jaselle* and *Utopia*; the British fishing steamers *Redcap* and *Grazia*, 319 tons; the Greek steamer *Theodoros* Pangalos, 2838 tons; the Norwegian steamers *Steeras*, *Davanger*, *Lars Fastenae* and *Thade Fagelund* and the Norwegian sailing ship *Hermes*."

POSSE HUNTING HINDU FOR KILLING A MAN

(By Associated Press.)
REDDING, Cal., Mar. 21.—Desanta Singh, a Hindu, is being hunted in the mountains for the murder last night of Fred Zandell, watchman at a box factory at Castella. Zandell was shot three times.

FOOD RIOTS IN BERLIN

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 21.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent reports it is rumored that serious riots have broken out in Berlin in connection with the scarcity of food.

MILITARY SPIES PLEAD GUILTY IN NEW YORK

SENTENCE WILL BE PRONOUNCED TOMORROW ON AGENTS OF CENTRAL POWERS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—Albert O. Sander and C. N. Wunneberg, indicted as members of the Central Powers War Film Exchange, charged with engaging in a military enterprise by sending spies to England to get information for German military authorities, pleaded guilty today and will be sentenced tomorrow.

LIST OF VIGILANCIA MEN WHO ARE MISSING

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Mar. 21.—American Consul Skinner has received a list of the following five Americans lost from the steamer *Vigilancia* torpedoed Friday: Neil North, third officer; F. Brown, Jose Fivera, E. Stephan Lopez, C. F. Aderahold.

NORTH STAR SHIPPING ORE TO THE WEST END MILL

The North Star mine shipped one carload of ore this morning to the West End mill and has another ready to send out, but must hold it back until Saturday as the mill is not able to take care of the extra tonnage.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Mar. 21.—French pursuing retreating Germans gained both sides of the Laron road and took ten towns.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in her second big production

"THE FOOLISH VIRGIN"

in seven reels.

by Thos. Dixon, author of "The Birth of a Nation."

A two-hour Show.

Matinee 1:30. Night 8 and 9.

Admission 10-15-20c.

A Film Masterpiece

TOMORROW

The comic opera "Mikado."

Given by the Tonopah High School.